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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – Three East Bay Men Charged with Trafficking Guns

(U) A federal complaint was unsealed in federal court Monday in Oakland against three East Bay men charged with conspiracy to sell guns without a license. The three men, Troy Elias Walker, 24, and David Michael Rembert, 40, both of Concord, and Hercules resident Daljit Kamal Singh, 27, appeared in federal court Friday to face the charges, which include allegations they sold to undercover officers numerous “ghost guns,” which are made without serial numbers and are virtually untraceable.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [BCN](#)

(U) San Bernardino – San Bernardino County Deputy Wounded in Shooting During Traffic Stop

(U) A San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy was shot and injured while attempting a traffic stop Tuesday. The shooting happened just after 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Surveillance video from a home in the area shows the deputy's vehicle chasing after a suspect in a residential neighborhood. The suspect turns a corner and as the deputy follows, the sound of multiple gunshots is heard. The video is now part of an investigation by law enforcement.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [KABC](#)

(U) San Jose – VTA Trainee Employee Arrested on Suspicion of Threatening to ‘Shoot the Place Up’

(U) A 55-year-old Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) trainee employee has been arrested on suspicion of threatening to “take care of business” and “shoot the place up” if the agency did not hire him, according to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. The incident comes nearly three months after Samuel Cassidy, a disgruntled VTA substation maintainer, gunned down nine coworkers at the Guadalupe Light Rail Yard in San Jose and then killed himself.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – USBP Agents Shot at from Mexico at Tijuana-San Diego Border Barrier

(U) San Diego – For the second time in a week, US Border Patrol (USBP) agents working just north of the Tijuana-San Diego border barrier were shot at from Mexico. The incident happened at 3 a.m. on Monday, not far from where the first incident happened on 9 August. According to a Border Patrol agent, police responded to the area from where the shots were heard, and witnesses in the area said they saw several people leave in a truck and a motorcycle. The motive for the recent shooting is unknown, but it “could be intimidation or actually trying to engage agents,” said a Border Patrol agent.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [Border Report](#)

(U) Texas – Brownsville CBP Officers Seize \$182K in Fentanyl

(U) Brownsville – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at Brownsville Port of Entry this weekend seized \$182,000 in fentanyl within a passenger vehicle during a routine examination. The seizure took place on Friday at Veterans International Bridge when a 50-year-old male US citizen from Brownsville applied for entry into the US driving a 2007 Ford. The vehicle was referred for further

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examination after a primary inspection. CBP officers discovered five-packages which contained a total of 13.44-pounds of alleged fentanyl hidden within the 2007 Ford.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [CBP](#)

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(U) Colorado – FBI Joins Investigation into QAnon-Affiliated Leak of Voting Machine Logins

(U) Denver – The FBI Denver field office has joined a Colorado district attorney's investigation into the County Clerk's office and how voting machine logins from the county wound up in a QAnon-affiliated video, an FBI spokeswoman said. Voting machine logins from Mesa County were featured in a 3 August video posted on a QAnon-affiliated Telegram channel about 2020 election fraud claims.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) Illinois – Counterfeit DEA and FBI Badges Stopped by Chicago CBP

(U) Chicago – US CBP officers at the Chicago International Mail Branch (IMB) recently seized several packages all arriving from China that contained counterfeit Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) badges. CBP seized these badges on 13 and 15 August. In total, eight DEA badges and one FBI badge were seized. All the parcels were destined for locations across the US.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [CBP](#)

(U) Washington – Data of More than 40 Million Exposed in T-Mobile Breach

(U) Bellevue – The names, Social Security numbers and information from driver's licenses or other identification of just over 40 million former and prospective customers that applied for T-Mobile credit were exposed in a recent data breach, the company said Wednesday. The same data for about 7.8 million current T-Mobile postpaid customers appears to be compromised. No phone numbers, account numbers, PINs, passwords, or financial information from the nearly 50 million records and accounts were compromised, it said.

SOURCE: 18 August 2021, [AP](#)

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(U) Iran – Iranian Government Hackers Impersonate HR Employees to Hit Israeli Targets

(U) Tehran – Hackers associated with the Iranian government have focused attack efforts on IT and communication companies in Israel, likely in an attempt to pivot to their real targets. The campaigns have been attributed to the Iranian APT group known as Lyceum, Hexane, and Siamesekitten, running espionage campaigns since at least 2018. In multiple attacks detected in May and July, the hackers combined social engineering techniques with an updated malware variant that would ultimately give them remote access to the infected machine.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [BleepingComputer](#)

(U) Nigeria – Gunmen Kill 37 in Attack on Niger Village

(U) Banibangou – Unidentified armed men have killed 37 civilians, including 14 children, in an attack on a village in southwest Niger, according to internal security service memos and a local official. The attack occurred on Monday in the commune of Banibangou, in the Tillabery region near the Malian border, where Islamist militants have massacred hundreds of civilians this year. The government did not respond to requests for comment on the information shared by two security sources and confirmed by a local official who attended a mass funeral in the village.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [Reuters](#)

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(U) Russia – Suspected Russian Operatives Spread COVID-19 Disinformation to Influence American Far-Right on 4chan

(U) Moscow – Operators of an apparent Russian propaganda campaign shared coronavirus disinformation in an effort to influence the American far-right, according to a report out Tuesday by cybersecurity firm Recorded Future. The findings are included in a new report shedding light on a long-running Russian propaganda campaign known as Operation Secondary Infektion. The years-long campaign has used regional European websites, forged documents and throwaway accounts to further Russia's political agenda in Europe.

SOURCE: 17 August 2021, [CyberScoop](#)

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